



**MEASURE J RE-IMAGINE LA
DIVERSION, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
& HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 4:00 PM

1. The Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Health Subcommittee was called to order by Eunisses Hernandez at 4:04pm.
2. Introduction and Grounding
 - a. Co-chair Eunisses Hernandez provided history behind Measure J process
 - i. Facilitator Chrysta Wilson set goals of meeting
 1. Asked what issues/challenges does the subcommittee want to heal via Measure J funds
 2. Meeting goals
 - a. Community members share wisdom
 - b. Community leaders share their experiences of what is working, and what is needed to be corrected with Measure J investments
 - c. Learn about services and programs that are working to address disparities build community power, and heal
 3. Restated group agreements regarding meeting decorum
 - ii. Labelled cash bail as part of systemic racism and violence
 - iii. Bail project bails people out of jail and connects them with services upon release; looks to institute a presumption of pre-trial release.
 - b. Panel Presentation with Dolores Canales, The Bail Project, and Alicia Virani, UCLA School of Law, on community based pretrial services and non-law enforcement agency.
 - i. Dolores Canales and Priscilla Martinez provided the focus of the Bail Project and provided some client stories
 - ii. Labelled cash bail as part of systemic racism and violence
 - iii. Bail project bails people out of jail and connects them with services upon release; looks to institute a presumption of pre-trial release.
 - c. Alicia Virani, UCLA School of Law provided presentation regarding the harm of pretrial detention
 - i. Provided data regarding the amount of people held on pre-trial detention, including mental health crises that often occur during pretrial detention and longer duration of stays post COVID
 - ii. Provided racial disparities in pretrial detention length including much higher duration for Black people
 - iii. Shared the CASA (Community Care and Support Agency), model for an independent pre-trial services agency. The model rests on 3 fundamental principles
 1. Supportive resources over supervision
 2. Institute a trauma-based approach

- 3. Focus on individual empowerment and self-determination
- iv. CASA model can help with court reminders, transportation, etc. Can also provide a confidential safety plan and help individuals get out on bail and fight trial from outside of jail
- v. Other elements of CASA
 - 1. Systems impacted sponsors
 - 2. Confidentiality
 - 3. Community Response Center
 - 4. Focus on transparency and data collection in order to evaluate program success
 - 5. Trying to move away from many current reforms including drug testing and electronic monitoring
- d. Co-chair Brian moved to questions and comment from the public. The following people addressed the subcommittee
 - i. Stephanie Romo-Buckley
 - ii. Sheila Pinkel
 - iii. Daniel Worley
 - iv. Catherine Clay
 - v. Brian Kaneda
 - vi. Julie Parker
 - vii. Aishwarya Bhave
 - viii. Bamby Salcedo
 - ix. Jessenia Garcia
 - x. Maagic Collins
 - xi. Ivan Medina
- 3. Chrysta led the meeting into Community Discussion
 - a. Restated the goal of all subcommittees is to make funding recommendations for the 2021-2022 budget of the County of LA
 - i. Named key elements of funding recommendation
 - 1. Who – identifying who is most impacted in subcommittee's focus area
 - 2. What – identify the disparities or challenges that exist for those impacted groups
 - 3. How – identify the services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate or greatly reduce the disparities and inequities for the groups identified
 - ii. Provided list of what groups have been named as the "Who" so far by subcommittee in past meetings
 - 1. Includes Black people, Black women, transgender/gender non-conforming intersex, youth, women, systems involved, Brown/Latinx, Black indigenous people of color, men, people who use drugs, houseless, undocumented, LGBTQ,

uninsured, BIPOC, people of color

2. Requested additions to the “Who”
 - a. Persons who use injection drugs
 - b. Trafficking survivors
 - c. Victims of domestic violence
 - d. Tribes of affinity
 - e. People with co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness
 - f. Children of the incarcerated
 - g. Individuals who are registered sex offenders or arsonists
 - h. Those with medical needs who can’t care for themselves
 - i. Family members/support members of affected individuals
 - j. Veterans
 - k. Asian communities
 - l. Immigrants, refugees, and people who don’t speak English
 - m. Elderly
 - n. Youth of color who lack access to the arts
 - iii. Identified what challenges the group has already raised including substance abuse disorders, stigmas, lack of opportunities as well as desires to change the system
 - b. Reviewed the groups answers to the “How” that have been shared in past meetings including
 - i. Diversion programs, pretrial release services, green spaces in the community, decriminalizing sex work, mental health services first-approach, financial assistance, vocational training
 - c. Moved to breakout rooms where members were to discuss programs and initiatives related to the subcommittee focus area that Measure J should prioritize
4. Following the breakout room session, Chrysta opened the floor up for public comment. The following people addressed the subcommittee
 - a. Maagic Collins
 - b. Hector Ramirez
 - c. Shannon Knox
 5. Next Steps
 - a. Chrysa announced the next steps for the subcommittee including the next meeting and that materials may be found on the ATI website
 - b. Co-chairs Brian Kaneda and Eunisses Hernandez provided closing comments

6. Adjournment

Adjournment for the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Health Subcommittee of Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:36 p.m.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by co-chairs, Eunisses Hernandez and Brian Kaneda.